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Turkey – Advanced F-16 Block 50 Aircraft

WASHINGTON, September 28, 2006 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Turkey of advanced F-16 Block 50 aircraft as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$2.9 billion.

The Government of Turkey has requested a possible sale of:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE)

30 Advanced F-16 Block 50 Aircraft;
42 General Electric F-110-129 Engines;
60 LAU-129A Launchers;
36 Link-16 Multifunctional Information Distribution System-Low Volume Terminals (MIDS-LVT);
35 AN/APX-113 Advanced Identification Friend or Foe (AIFF);
32 AN/APG-68(V)9 Radar;
36 Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System;
3 Link-16 Ground Stations; and
36 AN/ALQ-211 Airborne Integrated Defensive Electronic Warfare Suites or AN/ALQ-178 Self Protection Electronic Warfare Suites.

Also included are system integration and testing, software development/integration, test sets and support equipment, simulation units, link pods, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor representatives' program support services, contractor engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$2.9 billion.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Turkey and advancing weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

This proposed sale will enhance the Turkish Air Force's ability to defend Turkey while patrolling the nation's extensive coastline and borders against future threats and to contribute to the Global War on Terrorism and NATO operations. The proven reliability and compatibility of like systems integrated with numerous platforms will foster increased interoperability with NATO and U.S. forces, and expand regional defenses to counter common threats to air, border, and shipping assets in the region. The F-16 aircraft will be provided in accordance with, and subject to the limitation on use and transfer provided under the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, as embodied in the Letter of Offer and Acceptance.

Link-16 MIDS LVT improves interoperability with U.S. and NATO by providing Turkish aircraft with an enhanced command, control communications system with high volume voice and data link.

This proposed sale will not adversely affect either the military balance in the region or U.S. efforts to encourage a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus questions.

The principal contractors will be:

BAE Advanced Systems	Greenlawn, New York
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company	Fort Worth, Texas
Lockheed Martin Missiles/Fire Control	Orlando, Florida
L3 Communications	Arlington, Texas
McDonald Douglas Corporation	St. Louis, Missouri
A Wholly Owned Subsidiary Boeing Corporation	
Northrop-Grumman Electro-Optical Systems	Garland, Texas
Northrop-Grumman Electronic Systems	Baltimore, Maryland
General Electric Aircraft Engines	Cincinnati, Ohio
Raytheon Electronic Warfare Systems Company	Goleta, California

Although generally the purchaser requires offsets, at this time, there are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

The number of U.S. Government and contractor representatives to support this program will depend on the results of negotiations with Turkish defense contractors on the content of local work and subsequent decisions by the Government of Turkey on contractor responsibilities for the modification effort.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.